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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FIRST OFFICE ACTION (PAPER NO. 6)**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, allowing claims 33-38, rejecting claims 1-29, and objecting to claims 30-32 of the above-identified Application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be considered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page *7* with the following:

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In a preferred embodiment, reaction substrate 4 is positioned adjacent to, and in thermal communication with, a thermal unit 8. Thermal unit 8 adjustably maintains reaction substrate 4 at one or a series of temperatures, thereby heating or cooling the samples or reactant systems within substrate reservoir 6. Thermal unit 8 includes a thermally conductive material and a heating source 30 and a cooling source 20 to